

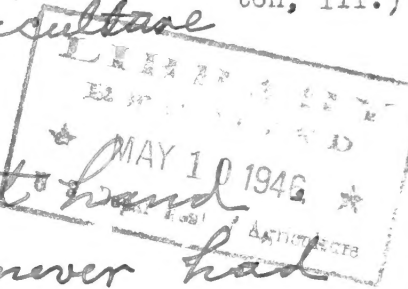
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Gentlemen Your letter of Dec. 4th at hand.
In answer to same will say that I never had
a commercial Nut tree Nursery, sold only the
surplus which I could not use to people in the
neighborhood. - My holdings are all in one in-
closure of 236 acres and located in Bates County
Mo. drainage district No 1. - As the drainage
district contains 40,000 acres its length 23 1/2 miles
all good black soil, it looked to me like a good
place to invest my savings, my desire was a good
corn farm but this turned out to be a pitiful
failure the ^{water} comes quicker and goes down quicker
but ruins all farm crops just the same.
The natural wild seedlings pecan trees saved my
investment of which I had 1000 trees all over 50 years
old, having put in 14 years as a boy and young man
in a fruit tree ornamental trees shrubs and roses
Nursery known as Phoenix Nursery Bloomington Ill.
come handy to me, I have at this time 1000 bearing seedling
pecan trees averaging 2 ft in diameter and 3000 grafted
pecan trees from 6 to 50 ft high about 1/2 of them bearing
besides 22 wild plum clumps grafted and budded to
Gold, Burbank, Abundance, and Mammoth Golden plums.
Maximum crop of plums 615 gallons and pecans 14,000
lbs. - The biggest overflow we had in May 1943 the
water got 14 1/2 ft deep on my place, and in the 25 yrs.
I lived near there, we had 35 overflows.
I am a single man, was 89 yrs old Nov 11th 1945, have
retired from work in the fall of 1943.
Will gladly answer any other question as to above,
wild life, there, moonshiners, bootleggers, snakes etc.

Respectfully Yours

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Respectfully,
 Mary